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CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE MARSH!

(Received from Michelle via E-mail – Ed.)

Hello Everyone,

I have some great news. I just earned my pilot's license! I wanted to thank everyone who wrote letters of recommendation and EAA Chapter 932 who sent me to the Air Academy and gave me my first airplane ride. I still can't believe it was four years ago that Jeff Hill gave me my first Young Eagles ride in his L-3.

Now that I am back at Lewis University I'll be starting my instrument training which I am very excited about because I will be flying brand new C-172s which is quite a step up from the C-152s I've been flying.

Sincerely,

Michelle Marsh

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By John Roach

My grandmother always told me, "Time sure flys when you're having fun," a saying that certainly applies to the summer of 2006. It seems like the April announcement of our scholarship winners was only yesterday. But in a few short days, we'll be seeing double as two of this year's winners, Sara and Samantha Podgorski, visit our September 9 chapter meeting with pictures of their week at the Air Academy.

The September meeting will also include the usual free coffee from 9:30 to 10:00, a recap of this year's Flyers & Tires, a short discussion to decide if we want to hold a Spot Landing Contest on October 12, with Young Eagles flights following the meeting. To date, Chapter 932 records indicate that we have flown more than 1000 Young Eagles. While year to year records are not available, we seem to be averaging about 75 flights per year. Without your help, we could fall well below that average this year. So pass the word among your friends, neighbors, and fellow employees. Tell them about the Young Eagles program. Try to give every young person you can reach a chance to experience the world by looking down rather than by just looking up.

So on September 9, arrive early and stay late. Swap stories with us about your summer flying experiences. Bring pictures on a CD of your adventures if you like. We'll show them as we have time in between Young Eagles flights. Bring your friends and neighbors. Remember: *You don't have to be a pilot . . . you just have to love aviation.*

NEW WEB MASTER FOR www.eaa932.org

EAA 932 member **Michael Sanders**, who earns his living managing web sites, has agreed to take over our chapter's site. *(See July issue – Ed.)* If you have questions, comments or material to submit, E-mail Michael at **sanders@windwych.com**

OCTOBER SAFETY SEMINAR AND CHILIFEST

By John Roach

It's time to put a big red circle around October 12 on your calendar. That's the date for a real double header: our fall Aviation Safety Seminar in the morning and the chapter's annual Chilifest in the evening.

The safety seminar will be a morning only event focused on the way airline developed CRM training applies to general aviation pilots who usually fly single pilot with no crew on board to manage. Bob Hart, a UAL Captain and a Galt-based general aviation pilot (as well as a home-builder and an EAA 932 member) will lead the seminar. With complementary coffee and pastries from 8:15 to 9:00 am, the discussion will run until 11:30 or so. Just in time for participants to head to Dusty's or some other nearby restaurant for lunch.

Your can register for this event at www.faasafety.gov <http://www.faasafety.gov/>. Just click on the SPANS Notification System area, then enter 10C as the airport, and click on Search. While registration is not necessary, it does give us a good idea of how many chairs to setup and how many doughnuts to buy.

While you are at the FAA Safety web site, you may want to check out two additional features. First, the SPANS system itself. SPANS allows you to register (its free) and receive regular email notification of future seminars in your area. This not only allows you to keep up to date on new safety topics, it can be a valuable tool for those working through the WINGS program. The second feature is the Aviation Learning Center. The Learning Center provides Online Courses available and a way to document those courses you have completed. You can visit the Learning Center Library, a searchable online media library containing documents, training materials, and reference materials of interest to pilots, maintenance technicians and airport operators. Or you can view the Learning Center's Online Resources, a valuable collection of links to help both pilots and mechanics keep current with the latest, official safety information. Point your internet browser to www.faasafety.com <http://www.faasafety.com/>. It's the quickest and the easiest way to keep up to date on official safety-related information.

Cessna's LSA "proof of concept" mock-up attracted a lot of attention at Airventure '06. Cessna expects to have the prototype flying in '07. If it comes in at less than $100,000 it could steal the market.

LIGHT SPORT HUNTING

By William Laskey

Bill in N86FT

(Bill's quest for a LSA was reported in the May and June issues of Galt Traffic. It is now on the field as Bill continues his story – Ed.)

N86FT arrived at Galt airport on August 10. A bit later than the promised end of June date but unforeseen problems came up which took some time to solve. I had applied for the number 83(my age) and Foxtrot Tango feeling that if I was going to "dance the clouds on laughter silvered wings" that I ought to have a couple of dance styles to do that. That number wasn't available so now I will have to fly until I am at least 86 and hopefully more than that.

The plane has the Rotax 912 engine installed which is an air/liquid engine; the liquid being for cooling the cylinder heads. It has a dual electronic capacitive discharge ignition and dual altitude compensating carburetors. Thus there is no need to depend on RPMS for spark and no mixture control is needed. With the three blade prop, it is a very quiet engine so I will accept no blame when neighbors call to complain about the noise level. On one preliminary training flight in February in a similar plane with two of us plus about 40 pounds of baggage we were doing 1400 FPM on climb out.

The panel is somewhat "glassy" with a Dynon EFIS and a Dynon EMS both of which will take some study and use to learn all the functions. There is also an auto pilot hooked up to a Garmin 396. As Richard Collins says: "Every pilot should be a weather junkie" I believe that to be true so I plan to subscribe to XM satellite radio which provides all sorts of weather information as well as a wide variety of radio stations and music. The Becker com radio and transponder is a very nice unit, compact and easy to use.

I find the plane easy to fly although since there is a stick which is flown with the left hand and having done all my stick flying with the right hand this took a bit of getting used to. Lots of attention to rudder control is needed which will help me to develop my seat of the pantsedness. However with the composite construction being very smooth, the plane is very reluctant to land. You are supposed to come over the fence at 50 knots and I found that difficult to achieve. After several go arounds and the consideration of carrying a boat anchor to toss out on final, I managed a few decent landings. More work will be needed in that area. The sixteen knot crosswind component needs to be strictly adhered to. Anything more than that and you find somewhere else to land.

Getting insurance was interesting. AOPA does not insure this particular plane and perhaps no LSA. I was very disappointed with Falcon who is tied in with EAA. It took several phone calls to get an agent to respond and when the information was given, there didn't seem to be any enthusiasm or interest. I did not hear from them with a quote. Two independent agencies gave quotes that were four hundred dollars higher than Avemco my previous insurer, so I re-upped with them. The BRS parachute installation cuts no ice with insurance companies since while it does save the passengers, the plane is usually totaled so no special discount is given. The use of that system deserves thought and consideration and any passenger needs to be given instruction on the underlying philosophy and the avoidance of any accidental deployment.

The dealers were very helpful in this transaction. Since I was not able to get to Minneapolis for currency training they twice flew a similar plane to my area for some currency training. Then when they delivered the plane they made sure Nick Pate CFII at Galt was current in the plane so my five required hours for insurance purposes could be finished. Of course, I plan to attend to that ASAP.

I am immensely pleased with the plane. It's great to own a brand new aircraft. If there is anyone interested in seeing and perhaps flying in the plane if they will contact me I will be glad to oblige. *(Contact Bill at* wlaskey@sbcglobal.net *– Ed.)*

CHAPTER CALENDAR

Join us for coffee at 9:30 prior to meetings!

SEP 9 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM YOUNG EAGLES 11 – 4 PM
SEP 23 8th in the Southern WI/Northern IL "Poker Run" Fly-Ins. Wautoma, WI (Y50) 8 AM – Noon
SEP 30 FLY IN/DRIVE IN SAFETY SEMINAR 8:15 AM
OCT 8 9th and final Southern WI/Northern IL "Poker Run" Fly-In. Palmyra, WI (88C) 7 AM – Noon
OCT 14 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM prep for **CHILIFEST 6 PM**
NOV 11 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (election of officers, film)
DEC 9 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (film)

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EAA 932: www.eaa932.org
Il DOT: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html
WI DOT: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html

EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays @ 10 AM

Young Eagles Jun 10 & Sep 9 or by appt. any time.
Contact any Chapter officer or director (box below)

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An old pilot (O.K., it was me) wanders into the post office and asks the postal clerk, "Do you have any mail for me?"
The clerk replies, "Just what you left on the counter yesterday ..."